

## Message Text

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TAGS: PINS, PGOV, SHUM, UY  
SUBJ: URUGUAY'S MILITARY COURT SYSTEM

REF: MONTEVIDEO A-77

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL ATTENTION OF ALL OFFICES AND  
INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS TO ITS  
A-77, "CONVERSATIONS WITH LEADING OFFICIALS OF URUGUAY'S  
MILITARY COURT SYSTEM".

2. AIRGRAM CONTAINS CONSIDERABLE FACTUAL INFORMATION  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN URUGUAY, AS WELL AS INSIGHTS  
INTO OPERATION OF URUGUAY'S CONTROVERSIAL MILITARY JUSTICE  
SYSTEM. IT SHOWS ARBITRARY AND HARD-HEADED APPROACH OF  
WHOLE MILITARY JUDICIAL PROCESS, WHICH, WHILE  
POSSESSING A CERTAIN JUSTIFICATION UNDER CRISIS CONDITIONS,  
HAS LED TO ABUSES UNDER MORE NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN GREATER  
SUBTLETY IS NECESSARY.

3. THE AIRGRAM DEALS WITH CASES AND SITUATIONS OVER A FIVE-  
YEAR PERIOD, PAINTING A BLEAK PICTURE OF THE PROCESS.  
WE ARE CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL THAT THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM  
WILL NOW BE MODIFIED (ALBEIT GRADUALLY) AND BROUGHT MORE  
IN LINE WITH CURRENT POLITICAL AND SECURITY REALITIES.

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